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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Country/P.C.T.</u>	<u>Published/Issued</u>
26 23 490	Fed. Rep. Germany	December 1, 1977
1,523,168	United Kingdom	August 31, 1978
1,547,002	United Kingdom	June 6, 1979

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2,050,227	United Kingdom	January 7, 1981
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0,395,338	European Patent Off.	October 31, 1990
2,232,371	United Kingdom	December 12, 1990
0,963,819	European Patent Off.	December 15, 1999

A copy of each of the references is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

The enclosed references were cited by the United Kingdom Patent Office in Applicant's corresponding British patent application and by the European Patent Office, acting as an International Searching Authority for Applicant's P.C.T. application (No. PCT/GB00/01493), or are otherwise known to Applicant.

European Patent Application No. 0,963,819, published December 15, 1999, was cited by the International Searching Authority (ISA/EP), and is therefore being listed on this Information Disclosure Statement for the purpose of completeness. Because Applicant's claimed date of foreign priority is April 23, 1999, Applicant respectfully submits that European Patent Application No. 0,963,819, is not citable as "prior" art against the claims of the instant patent application, and

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its inclusion in the present Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as an admission that such citation is properly prior art against Applicant's claims.

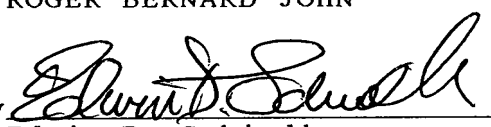
The accompanying references relate generally to cutting tools, generally known to the prior art.

These citations do not constitute an admission by Applicant that the references are relevant or material to the patentability of the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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